



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6245**

LCO No. 4735

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**AN ACT CLARIFYING THE VOTE OF PERSONS UTILIZING  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND VOTING FOR CROSS-ENDORSED  
CANDIDATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 9-150a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (j) In the counting of absentee ballots the intent of the voter shall  
5 govern, provided the following conclusive presumptions, where  
6 applicable, shall prevail in determining such intent:

7 (1) If the names of more candidates for an office than the voter is  
8 entitled to vote for are checked or validly written in, then the vote cast  
9 for that office shall be deemed an invalid overvote.

10 (2) If the name of a candidate who has vacated his candidacy is  
11 checked such vote shall not be counted.

12 (3) On an absentee ballot on which candidates' names are printed, a

13 vote shall be deemed cast only for each candidate whose name is  
14 individually checked or validly written in, except as otherwise  
15 provided in this subsection. If a party designation is circled, checked,  
16 underscored or similarly marked in any manner, or written in, no vote  
17 shall be deemed cast or cancelled for any candidate by virtue of such  
18 marking or writing.

19 (4) If a voter votes for a candidate who is cross-endorsed by more  
20 than one party on each of the endorsing party's lines, such vote shall  
21 count as one vote for such candidate and any similarly cast ballots  
22 shall be attributed to each endorsing party on an alternating basis.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2007	9-150a(j)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To carry out the voter's intent to vote for one candidate.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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